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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	09/768,195
	<b>Filing Date</b>	23 January 2001
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	ENDO
	<b>Art Unit</b>	2813
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Erik J. Kielin
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	KNI-145-A

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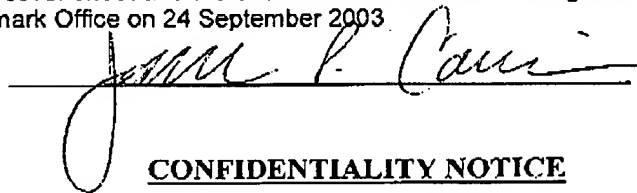
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Applicant: H. Endo et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2813

Examiner: Erik J. Kielin

Title: "METHOD FOR FORMING A COATING FILM ON A PLATE-LIKE WORKPIECE"

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Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 14 and 18 as shown on the attached sheets (including a clean version of the amended claims and a copy of the amended claims showing the changes with brackets and underscoring). Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice, and without dedication or abandonment of the subject matter thereof. Also, please add new claims 20-23 as shown on the attached sheets.

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